

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4 - 6 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Examiner alleges that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on May 4, 2005, fails to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(1). The Examiner further states that to have the related applications considered, Applicant should list each of the related applications on a PTO Form-1449.

Notwithstanding, Applicant respectfully asserts that the IDS complies with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(1) and the related applications should have been considered. That is, 37 C.F.R. 1.98 requires that Applicant provide a list of information to be considered by the Office. Here, Applicant provided a "list" of co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to the present application on page 2 of the IDS at issue. These co-pending applications were not listed on a separate sheet because they are neither a U.S. patent nor a U.S. patent application publication. Furthermore, MPEP 609.6 specifically states that "Applicants may wish to list U.S. patent application numbers on other than a form PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08A and 08B format to avoid the application numbers of pending applications being published on the patent." Because the list of co-pending applications conforms with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicant respectfully asserts that the Examiner should have considered the cited co-pending applications.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Goto (U.S. Pat. No. 5,012,344). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 5, and 6 have been amended to recite that shift data applied to the line for reading out an image signal is output to the first shift register when a number of lines between the line for reading out image signals and the line for clearing image signals is equal to or less than a total number of lines in the matrix and a condition for picking an image up is changed. The condition for picking up an image that is changed is at least one selected from the group consisting of a change in a frame rate, a change in a shutter speed, and a change in a scanning direction. This subject matter was previously found in dependent claim 3. No new matter has been added. Goto fails to anticipate such an invention.

That is, Goto fails to disclose outputting shift data to a shift register when a number of lines between the line for reading out image signals and the line for clearing image signals is equal to or less than a total number of lines in the matrix and a condition for picking an image up is changed, wherein the condition for picking up an image that is changed is at least one selected from the group consisting of a change in a frame rate, a change in a shutter speed, and a change in a scanning direction. At best, Goto merely teaches a device including a shift register for generating a clear pulse and a shift register for generating a set pulse. This disclosure, however, falls short of the claimed output of shift data to a shift register when a number of lines between the line for reading out image signals and the line for clearing image signals is equal to or less than a total number of lines in the matrix and a condition for picking an image up is

changed. As such, independent claims 1, 5, and 6, as well as each corresponding dependent claim, are not anticipated by Goto.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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